

PARENT CORNER

weekly

TODAY: NOVEMBER 27

Bible Story: Stand Up (Esther) *Esther*

Big Idea: You can have courage even when you don't know what will happen.

Memory Verse: "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. *Joshua 1:9b (NIV)*

Life App: Courage — Being brave enough to do what God wants you to do, even when you're afraid.

Bible Story Summary:

Read and meditate on the book of Esther

Esther had no idea how God would use her when she was chosen to become Queen of Persia. But her cousin Mordecai reminded her that God put her in that role to rescue the Jewish people from Haman's plot. Esther knew what could happen if the king didn't approve of her asking for his help . . . but she knew how much more was at stake for God's people if she didn't try. She found the courage to go to the king and ultimately saved her people.

You can have courage even when you don't know what will happen. We will all face moments in life when we need to take a risk. Those situations can feel terrifying. We might wish that we could crawl back into bed and hide . . . but more than likely, that won't be an option. Thankfully, we know that God is with us like God was with Esther. We might not know what will happen, but God does. We can trust God no matter what—to give us the courage we need to face anything in life.



Read the story of Esther as a family. Esther obeyed God and showed courage, even when she didn't know what would happen next. Discuss as a family how you can show courage and stand up for what is right sometime this week. Pray together that you will trust in God and have courage when in that situation. Follow up at dinner each night to encourage everyone to keep being courageous!

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WEEK 4

God TIME

DAY 1

READ *Esther 4:4-17*

Leading up to chapter 4 in Esther, Mordecai had just learned of the plan to kill all the Jews. Upset, he tore his clothes and cried throughout the city, along with the rest of the Jews.

Esther had a plan to give her courage to face the king, even though she didn't know the outcome. She had people fast, pray and seek God.

You can have courage when you don't know what will happen, too. Look through this list of words and circle anything you can do to help give you courage.

Play video games
Pray to God
Watch a movie
Read the Bible

Talk to your parents
Make cookies
Trust God's plan
Do your homework

KNOW that you can trust God's plan.

DAY 2

READ "We are God's creation. He created us to belong to Christ Jesus. Now we can do good works. Long ago God prepared these works for us to do." *Ephesians 2:10*

The time came for Esther to stand up for what was right. I am sure she was shaking on the inside, but God gave her the courage she needed to present her request to the king. God allowed Esther to become the queen so He could use her to do big things for Him...and because she obeyed, many people were saved.

Did you know that God wants to use you to do big things for Him, too? Sometimes we look at the heroes in the Bible and wish God could use us like that. But God wants to use each of us. Isn't it amazing to think that God prepared you to do work for Him, even before you were born?

Re-write Ephesians 2:10 but make it personal. Replace "we", with "I", the "us" with "me" or "I".

THANK God for his plan for your life.

DAY 3

READ "I know the plans I have for you," announces the Lord. "I want you to enjoy success. I do not plan to harm you. I will give you hope for the years to come." Jeremiah 29:11

Do you like to cook or bake? To create something tasty, it's best to follow a recipe. It is possible to grab some ingredients and to throw them in a pan without a plan. But the result probably wouldn't be as yummy.

Having a plan is a good thing. And guess what. According to Jeremiah, God has a plan for your life. His plans for you are good. Plans for you to succeed and keep you from harm.

You might be thinking, "Awesome! Where can I look up this step-by-step plan?" Fortunately, God's plans for you are bigger and better than any recipe. He loves you and He wants you to trust Him, day by day to show you all the amazing things He has in store for you. You can have courage because even when you don't know what will happen, you can trust in God's plan for your life.

Ask your mom or dad if you can help with dinner tonight. Pick out a favorite recipe to follow together. Then read today's verse aloud and pray together as you gather around the table, thanking God for the good plans and purpose He has for you!

LOOK for what God has to show you each day.

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Have a parent sign your completed GodTime.

Parent signature

Date

Return for 5 Bible Bucks!

parent CUE:

Want to know what your child is learning at church? Download a free app called Parent Cue. This app is put out by The reThink Group who writes the curriculum we use in Uptown as a guide to what our kids learn.

Parent Cue has parenting articles, blogs, and ways you can live out your faith at home. Week by week you will be given cues so you can make the most of your time with your kids for God.



DAY 4

READ "But I trust in you, Lord. I say, "You are my God." Psalm 31:14

This month we learned that when we trust in God, He can give us the courage to do what is right when we are scared or unsure. Let's thank God for always being with us

"Dear God,

this month I have learned what it means to have courage. I know that when I am scared or unsure, I can ask You to help me. Please help me to always do what is right and to do what I should even when I don't know what is going to happen. I pray that I can be courageous in teaching others about You. I love You, God.

Amen."

ASK God for the courage to do what is right,

at a GLANCE



Bibles N Bucks Shopping:

- December 4** Fourth Grade
- December 11** Third Grade
- January 8** Second Grade
- January 15** First Grade
- January 22** Kindergarten

Fourth Grade breakfast is the first weekend of the month.



Child's Name: _____